

Christ Was Born On Christmas Day

An Editorial

It was a day that changed the world. It is the mountain peak of history. All history prior to that hour points toward it, while all that has happened since is dated by it and looks back to it. It was the day the Son of God came from heaven to live and walk among men. It was the day when the love of God for man was revealed in all of its fullness. Christmas was the birthday of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Yet, sad to say, as the world observes this Christmas, 1968, far too many have forgotten its true meaning. For many, Christmas is nothing more than a holiday to be filled with reveling, drinking and feasting. For others it means no more than gatherings at home, giving and receiving, and greetings to and from friends, as good as those may be. It also means crowded malls, rushing traffic, heavy mails, and tired, weary bodies. Of course, Christmas does mean music in the air, joy in the faces of little children, happiness in home gatherings, bright lights everywhere, and all of the other joyous things which have become so much a part of the occasion.

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Twin Conventions Set For Jackson Dec. 30-31



Dr. Ralph Langley

Mississippi Baptist Twin Conventions, to be held at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, December 30-31, are expected to attract Baptist youth and adult leaders from every section of the state.

Kermit S. King, director of the Training Union Department, sponsor, said that more than 1,000 youth and several hundred adults are expected to attend this first joint program of its kind ever held in the state.

For the youth there will be a Youth Convention featuring an outstanding program of inspiration culminating in a presentation of "Good News" at the watch night service on New Year's Eve.

For adults there will be a leadership convention featuring the best in inspiration from these speakers along with the best in Training Union methods from some of the

best equipped workers to be found.

Dr. Ralph Langley, pastor of the Willow Meadow Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, and Rev. Homer Martinez, evangelist, of Fort Worth, Texas, are to be the speakers.

Convention music will be led by Dr. Claude Rhea of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, and Doug Scott of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama.

Mr. Martinez, who like his brother Angel, has served effectively for several years as a fulltime evangelist, is one of the more sought after speakers for programs such as these conventions.

"Good News" will be staged during the concluding Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve.

The "Good News" choir will be composed of young people from more than twenty churches throughout the state who have been recommended by their ministers of music.

Dan Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will direct this production.

Churches in Starkville, West

Point, Columbus, Jackson, Eupora, and Hattiesburg will be presenting dramatic meditation features at each session.

Youth from Tupelo, Louisville, Canton, Hattiesburg, and Vicksburg will appear in youth choirs which are scheduled for featured performances.

Ushers will be youth groups from churches in Pontotoc, Columbus, Jackson and McComb.

Jimmy Thrash of Decatur and Huey Harpe of Pelahatchie will serve as organists. Mr. Thrash is a music major at the University of Southern Mississippi and Mr. Harpe is a student at Mississippi College.

Planists for each session have been chosen by Cecil Harper, minister of music of First Baptist Church, Jackson, music coordinator for the convention. These include Mike Davis of Canton, Fred Hood of Louisville, Susan Harlow of Tupelo, and Miss Jane Jordan of Hattiesburg.

A special ensemble has been selected by state-wide auditions to sing for the convention. It is a group of high school students selected from

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Graham Visits President, Prepares For Viet Trip

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — Billy Graham talked "sports, politics and religion" at a recent "quiet dinner" with President-elect Richard Nixon in the Nixon apartment in New York City.

But beyond that, the 50-year-old evangelist declined to provide specifics about their conversation when he arrived in Minneapolis for a four-day stay prior to taking off for Vietnam and a Christmas visit with U. S. troops.

In reply to a reporter's question, the evangelist said Mr. Nixon "has a number of plans" for dealing with the lack of support he received from the nation's Negroes in the November election.

"I suspect that four years from now minority groups will think they have been well treated," Mr. Graham said.

The evangelist was highly critical of clergymen who break the law in protesting the war and social injustice and of small groups of students which have closed colleges.

He said reaction against these acts was partly responsible for a trend to the right now discernible in the U. S. This trend, he warned, could lead to demands for suppression of certain liberties.

He recalled a statement by Mayor John Lindsay of New York that the gigantic problems of that city would not be solved without changed attitudes.

Only the Gospel can change the hearts of people, Mr. Graham continued, but he said too many clergymen "have gotten

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Criswell Plans SBC Evangelistic Meet

ATLANTA (BP) — An old-fashioned evangelistic meeting may put a little revival fire into the "graveyard" ending of the next Southern Baptist Convention session, scheduled for New Orleans June 9-14.

The Friday evening session — when many messengers have drifted toward home — will be devoted to an area-wide evangelistic service.

The plans were announced by Convention President W. A. Criswell at the annual fall session of the SBC Home Mission Board.

"We are entering a new emphasis — that of faith and works of soul winning and social sensitivity. God is in this," Criswell said. "But now some have gotten the impression we've turned our backs on the 'Old Book' (the Bible). Why don't we go down there and have the greatest evangelistic hour the world ever saw?"

Criswell said he asked the convention program committee to turn the final two sessions over to him.

Appealing to the Home Mission Board as the agency that has led out in many areas of social ministries, Criswell said the effect would be unifying in the denomination if the board would sponsor the evangelistic effort to demonstrate

the balance of its concern in a national meeting.

"I believe if the Home Mission Board will come along with me, we will do more to pull our people together in common determination than anything else we can do," he said.

"We can write and we can speak, but to 'do' is infinitely more powerful," Criswell added.

No action on Criswell's appeal was necessary by the

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SBC Said To Have Key Role

NASHVILLE (BP) — Unless Christian churches are able to reconcile the biblical theology of evangelism and social action, they will split into two polarized groups and fail at their very purpose for being, the president of the American Baptist Convention said here.

Speaking to the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission, Culbert C. Rutenber added that Southern Baptists are in a unique role to creatively reconcile the two.

"You've got the strategic position," he said at a dinner meeting here. "You've got the evangelical zeal, the biblical theology, and now you're becoming more concerned about social issues."

He lamented a continuing polarization into two camps — the orthodox, historical Christians on one hand who are concerned about winning others, praying, giving and building churches; and the social actionists on the other who are concerned only about changing society.

Saying that neither is true Christianity, Rutenber stated that "a form of orthodoxy which does not see the need for helping others and society lacks something that is in the New Testament. But an emphasis on social justice that is not grounded in the New Testament is nothing but shallow humanism, and that's liable to get worse instead of better."

Rutenber said that Christians must be peace makers in the world today, following the example of Jesus who was hung on the cross because he was a peacemaker. "A peace

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Baptist Planners Are Urged To Use Most Modern Methods

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist planners were challenged here to choose the most crucial issues and the most modern methods in planning the work of the 11 million-member denomination in 1969-73.

The plea for new methods

represent more than 400 Baptist associations, 30 state Baptist conventions, and 23 agencies and organizations of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Most of the five-day meeting was devoted to small group sessions concentrating on such areas of work as Sunday School, church training, music, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, evangelism, missions, architecture, work with Negro Baptists, stewardship, ethics, and public relations.

Criswell, who insisted he has become a jet-age preacher to keep pace with the times, said he would adopt any new method to advance the cause of Christ. He revealed that his church, largest in the Southern Baptist Convention, has decided to use a computer.

Acceptance of new methods doesn't mean Southern Baptists mean Southern Baptists.

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FOREIGN BOARD SETS RECORD; 247 MISSIONARIES APPOINTED



REV. LOUIS R. COBBS (left), new secretary for personnel for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, greets Rev. and Mrs. Harry J. Harper, Jr., of Liberty, Miss., as they arrive in Richmond, Va., for appointment as missionaries to Colombia.

State Couple Appointed By FMB

Rev. and Mrs. Harry J. Harper, Jr., of Liberty, Miss., were appointed missionaries to Colombia on December 5 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Now pastor of Bethel Baptist Church,

Liberty, he expects to assist in the development of Baptist work in an area of the country.

Prior to appointment, Mr. Harper told the Foreign Mis-

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SBC 1968 Gifts Top 1967 Figure

NASHVILLE (BP) — Total world mission contributions for Southern Baptist Convention causes for the first 11 months of the year exceeded the \$45 million figure contributed during the entire year of 1967, the Southern Baptist Executive Committee reported here.

The report shows that Baptists have given more world missions during the first 11 months of 1968 than they gave during the entire year of 1967. \$45.2 million so far in 1968, compared to \$45 million in 1967.

Contributions to 19 Southern Baptist Convention agencies through the Cooperative Program accounted for the \$24 million of the total, while gifts to designated world mission causes included \$21.2 million.

While the \$24 million in Cooperative Program gifts is \$1.75 million more than was given during the similar 11 month period of 1967, it is still \$2.8 million short of the

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The Members and Employees of
THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD
Extend to All of Our Readers
Best Wishes for a
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

Livestock Sent To Missionaries In Ecuador

A shipment of registered livestock is to be sent from this state to Ecuador by chartered plane some time in December. The animals, gifts from various individuals are going to Sammy Simpson, agricultural missionary, a native of Mississippi. A conservative estimate of their value is \$14,800, reports Jerry Clower of Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Yazoo City.

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Criswell Plans

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board of directors. After a conference with Criswell, evangelism secretary C. E. Autrey confirmed the support of the Home Mission Board and said his division would help Louisiana Baptists rally the support of South Louisiana churches and train counselors. Autrey said the convention committee has named John R. Bisagno, pastor of the Baptist leading Del City (Oklahoma) Baptist Church to do the preaching. He said a major effort will be made to appeal to the multiplicity of races and cultures in New Orleans.

State Couple Appointed

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sion Board that as a pastor and seminarian he had known that deep within him there was an unanswered question: Am I willing to serve God anywhere at any cost? "God used two missionaries to answer that question," he said. "After hearing their testimonies I simply asked my Lord if he wanted me as a foreign missionary, and I became convinced that he did."

Mr. Harper went to his current pastorate following graduation from Georgetown (Ky.) College, from which he received the bachelor of arts degree, and soon after entering New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, from which he received the master of theology degree. He had formerly been interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Felicita, Ohio, and pastor of Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Cynthia, Ky.

Mrs. Harper said of her commitment: "Last summer, as we attended a Foreign Missions Conference at Glorieta, N. M., associated with missionary couples, and studied mission needs, we were challenged more than ever."

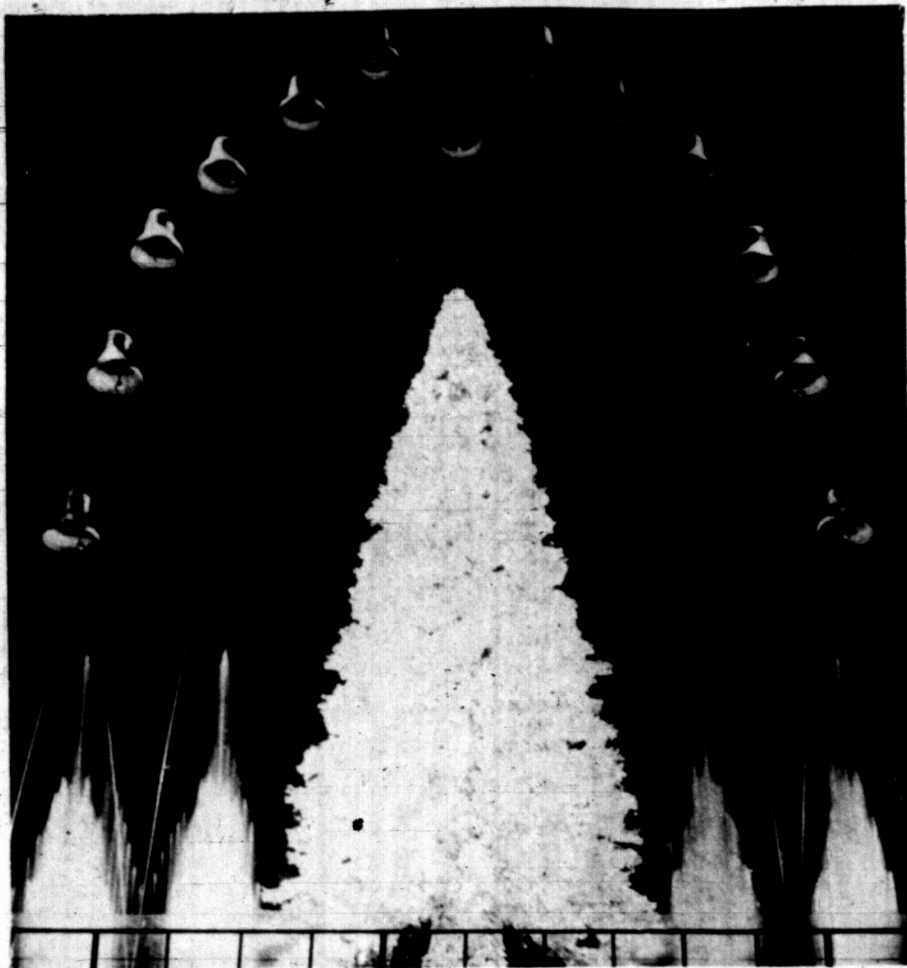
"My work with Girls' Auxiliary and Woman's Missionary Union has had the greatest influence in directing my life toward missions. As I planned programs and read about the many needs of other people I was convinced that God wanted my husband and me to serve him on foreign soil. I discovered that God had been dealing with my husband about missions just as he had been with me."

To better prepare herself for a missionary career Mrs. Harper is studying in Southwest Mississippi Junior College, Summit. She previously attended Miami University Oxford, Ohio, and earned a certificate for completing stenographer's training in a commercial school in Cincinnati.

While her husband attended college and seminary Mrs. Harper was employed as a stenographer at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and as a clerk-typist for a commercial firm in New Orleans.

Mr. Harper, born in Baltimore, Md., as a boy lived in West Virginia, Oklahoma, and in Mrs. Harper's native Mason, Ohio. She is the former Donna Compton.

They have a son, Brian Scott two.



I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day

I heard the bells on Christmas Day their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat, of peace on earth, good will to men. —Longfellow (Photo from John Wanamaker's, Philadelphia, Pa.)

A Christmas Thought

By Roland Q. Leavell

A certain unbeliever sought to entrap and embarrass me in conversation before a large group of listeners. "Parson, I want to ask you a question. Recently a young unmarried woman came to the hospital here where she became the mother of a baby boy. She declared that her baby had no human father. I want to ask you if you would believe her story?"
When I did breathe I breathed a prayer that I might say the right thing. Then I replied: "Sir, if that mother's son had been born in exact fulfillment of prophecy for fifteen hundred years, If his birth had been acclaimed by the very angels and the stars of heaven,
If wise men had come from afar to worship him and to bring rich gifts, If he had lived a life so sinless that even his worst enemies could not convict him of sin,
If his touch had healed lepers and opened blind eyes, If men had taken him outside the city wall to crucify him and the very noonday sun had hid its face in shame,
If they had put a platoon of soldiers to guard his grave but he had come forth on the third day according to his promise,
If his gospel had been preached for nineteen hundred years with blessing to all who heard,
If his power had inspired the building of Christian homes and institutions of mercy wherever he had been known,
And if he had blessed my own soul with forgiveness for my sins as one who was virgin-born has done,
If all these things were true of the mother's son,
Oh, yes sir, I would believe that mother's story!"

Witness Through Death

By John M. Herndon
Portugal

She was only 11 years old, a new Christian with a whole life ahead of her.

Her name was Maria Augusta, and she attended the Junior Sunday School class at Antas Baptist Church in Porto, Portugal. She usually came with an older brother because her parents did not attend church.

Not too many people were aware of Maria Augusta. But now, after her funeral, many are more aware of her Saviour.

Maria Augusta and two of her friends were killed in a traffic accident on one of Porto's busy streets near their home. Since the girls were friends, they were buried side by side. It was assumed that one priest would conduct all the services.

But Maria Augusta's parents, although not Christians, asked that we conduct an evangelical graveside service for her. When we arrived at the cemetery, a large crowd

of several hundred — including many who were just curious — stood around helplessly. The other families were too poor to arrange for a priest to conduct their services.

The Baptist service for Maria Augusta began, and the people listened. When the small Baptist choir began to sing about a home with Jesus after this life, an impressive calmness fell over the crowd.

Little Maria Augusta, who had little opportunity to witness in her life, gave a strong and impressive testimony through her funeral.

As the large crowd began to leave, members of the Baptist congregation passed out tracts on the theme "Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life." It was strange indeed to see the people crowded around saying, "Please give me one."

Perhaps in this time of great need they will read and receive spiritual help, perhaps even attend Maria Augusta's church and hear more of the gospel and the Christ who gives life after death. At least, that is our prayer.

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lege has been handling much of the red tape on this project. Donors are listed at the end of this article.

About two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Simpson were assigned by the Foreign Mission Board, to Ecuador as agricultural missionaries. The Foreign Mission Board purchased 75 acres of land near the small city of Chone, in the province of Manabi, Ecuador, which the Simpsons plan to use as a demonstration-experimentation type farm. In the area surrounding Chone, within a small three county area, there are over 200,000 rural people. This population consists largely of small farmers with a definite need for agricultural services, such as information on improved crop varieties, better planning, cultivation and harvesting methods, and advice on better marketing procedures.

On this farm he can test crop varieties and methods of planting, cultivation, and harvesting, with the equipment that the small individual farmer can afford. Also, he hopes to raise the animal quality and production to a higher level by initiating better practices, by artificial insemination, and by making available to the small farmer, at a low price, better breeding animals.

The program is definitely twofold, with the agricultural aspect serving to open doors usually well barred to any evangelistic approach. Sammy has organized a Baptist mission in Chone.

Sammy will organize agricultural clubs within the churches or missions in which he will train the men and boys in better farming procedures, and his wife, Sue, will teach the women and girls better homemaking methods. They are using their GMC pickup with its AC generator to show religious films to outdoor audiences in the surrounding villages and thus to spread the gospel in this way also. There is no evangelical work within this area at present. They also plan to utilize some literacy program, since approximately 40% of the population of the province of Manabi is illiterate.

Sammy hopes to do experimentation as to producing two crops yearly, the only limiting factor being water. Therefore, he hopes to obtain an irrigation pump to do furrow irrigation to see if this would be profitable for the average small farmer. The Chone River runs the entire length of the farm.

Sammy Simpson was born in Benton County, Mississippi. When Sammy was eight the family moved to Blue Mountain, where he finished high school. He earned B.A. at Mississippi College. Then, having felt the call to agricultural missions, he went to Mississippi State University where he received his BS de-

How Much Is Too Much Debt For A Church

By John Alexander
Director
Stewardship Department

How much is too much debt? This question faces every individual, each state and national government. It should also concern churches.

Thousands of churches have sold millions in church bonds and repaid every penny due. These churches have acted within the bounds of reason. They have followed a safe fiscal policy.

Unfortunately, some others have not followed a sound fiscal policy with regard to borrowed money. The problem with church bonds is that the reputation of Baptist churches is so good that a church can sell more bonds (borrow more money) than it can repay on schedule. There is nothing crooked about church bonds themselves. The problem comes when a church issues more bonds than it can repay.

Because of the principle of separation of church and state, the Federal government has allowed companies dealing in church bonds to go largely unregulated. This is both a blessing and a curse.

Recently it was my privilege to hear the senior trial

attorney of the Securities and Exchange Commission speak on the problem of church bonds. He pointed out numerous violations of the law in this field. He concluded by saying, "If the denomination doesn't police its churches, (he is a Methodist) the Federal government will be forced to step in to protect the public." We Baptists can't police anybody, but we do have a responsibility to warn our brethren and urge them to put their house in order.

One church in Louisiana is now insolvent and under the control of the courts. Two Baptists (not Southern Baptist) pastors in Texas are under indictment for violation of the law dealing with bonds. The Kansas state convention is in deep trouble and has appealed to the Home Mission Board to come to their rescue.

The state convention guaranteed 25% of 77 bond issues for churches in the state and 45 of these are now in default. The problem in Kansas, as this writer sees it, is that the state convention made it too easy for churches to borrow money through bond programs. When this happens the reputation of the denomi-

nation is scarred, the churches are hurt, and the public is disappointed.

Where are the churches violating the law?

They violate the law when they issue bonds, find they cannot redeem them, and sell another bond issue to redeem the first issue. This is against the law.

What is the solution? Several suggestions may help.

(1) If you are going to build a building, raise all the money you can from among the membership before you ever talk about borrowing money from any source. You pay no interest on the money you raise nor does it have to be repaid.

For every dollar given to the building fund the church will save approximately 75 cents in interest on a long-term loan. Your state Stewardship Department can help you raise a large part of the money needed for building costs. When you start to plan for a building, you should immediately contact the department to help you begin raising money for construction.

Decide How To Borrow
(2) Only after you have

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Livestock Sent To Ecuador

gree. While he was attending Mississippi State, he and Sue Kelly were married. Sue is from Tupelo, Mississippi. She had attended Mississippi College and received a BA degree in English.

In 1958 Sue and Sammy went to Fort Worth where he began work on a BD degree. Their first son was born in Fort Worth. Upon graduation he returned to Mississippi and pastored a church at Walnut. Dr. Dale Hoover, a devout Baptist layman, offered him a fellowship in the Agronomy Department at Mississippi State, which would pay him enough to make it possible to continue his graduate studies and work in the department.

Sammy returned to State to work with two fine Baptist laymen, Dr. Hoover and Dr. Coleman Ward. After moving to Starkville, Sue obtained a teaching fellowship and began working on her master's in English. Almost immediately for a church in Columbus, Friendship Church, called Sammy

as their pastor. During their first year in graduate school their second child was born.

In 1964 the Simpsons both received their master's degrees — an MS in Agronomy for Sammy and an MA in English for Sue. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964 for Ecuador. They left for a year of Spanish language study in San Jose, Costa Rica.

In 1965 they moved to Ecuador.

There is need to purchase a meeting place in Chone. They are now renting a building and hope to build a church to be used for a meeting place for both the church and the agricultural club meetings.

Among the farm equipment items recently made available to the mission by the late W. A. Taylor of Louisville, Mississippi, and other friends are a 56 H. P. Diesel tractor, a disc breaking plow, disc harrow, planter, cultivator, bush-hog, cotton sprayer for applying liquid insecticide to cotton, a scoop and blade.



TOP PHOTO: Mrs. Howard D. Clark of Morton, and Santa Gertrudis heifer; center photo: O. W. Scott, Duck Hill, and Santa Gertrudis; bottom photo: Russell Shaw, Eupora, at right, with his son, Charlie, student at Mississippi State, and polled Hereford. These persons, and others, are giving registered animals to be sent this month by chartered plane to Ecuador, for use by the agricultural missionary, Sammy Simpson.

Donors of cattle include:

Leland D. Harris, Lawrence, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, August (F); Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Simpson, Blue Mountain, Lowery Memorial Baptist Church, 2-Angus (F); W. H. Stuart Ranch, Bartow, Fla., Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Bartow, Fla., Brahman (M) Raymond T. Tucker, Bunnell, Florida, L. D. S. Church, Palatka, Fla., Brahman (F); Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burnside, Sr., Newellton, La., Newellton Union Church, Charolais (M); Double O Ranch, Daddsville, Methodist Church, Daddsville, Charolais (F); R. W. Stribling, Jackson, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Charolais (M); David and Larry Anderson, Charlie McVey, Starkville, First Baptist Church, Starkville, Jersey (F); Cedarcrest Farms, Faunsdale, Ala., Faunsdale Presbyterian, Jersey (M); Fernwood Jersey Farm, Morgan Walker, Magnolia, Miss., First Church, Magnolia, Jersey (F);

W. P. Garth, Jackson, First Presbyterian Church, Jersey (M); Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hartness, Jr., First Baptist Church, Starkville, Jersey (F); Mr. and Mrs. James Rowzee, Newton, Bethel Baptist Church, Jersey (F); Dock B. Slaton, Jr., Magnolia, Terry's Creek Baptist Church, Jersey (F); Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Kahl, Egypt, Miss., First Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen, Polled Hereford (F); Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Moore, First Baptist Church, Senatobia, Miss., Polled Hereford (M); Knox W. Ross, Pelahatchie Baptist Church, Polled Hereford (M); C. Russell Shaw, First Baptist Church, Eupora, Polled Hereford (F); Dr. and Mrs. Howard D. Clark, First Baptist Church Morton, Santa Gertrudis (F); Winthrop Rockefeller, DBA Winrock Farms, Morrilton, Ark., First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., Santa Gertrudis (M); O. W. Scott, Duck Hill, Duck Hill Baptist Church, Santa Gertrudis (M); Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Simpson, Blue Mountain, Lowery Mem. Baptist, Santa Gertrudis (F); Mrs. Sadie Lee Wells, Blue Mountain, Lowery Mem. Baptist, Santa Gertrudis (F).

Quarter horses were given by Sen. J. L. Adams, First Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala.; W. W. Allred, Collins Presbyterian Church, Collins; Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Sims, University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

Swine were donated by New Light Farm, Henry Beatle et al, Starkville, First Baptist Church, Starkville, 2-Hampshire (F), and Hampshire (M); HPH Yorkshire Farm, Glenn Heath et al, Starkville, First Baptist Church, Starkville, 2-Yorkshire (F), and Yorkshire (M); Lamar Stokes, Summit, Methodist Church, Summit, Yorkshire (F).



It Is Not Far To Bethlehem

It is not far to Bethlehem. The shortest cut I know is that directly through the heart, the way the children go. It is not far to Bethlehem. It cannot take you long. It is no farther than a prayer, the distance of a song. —Troubelzky

How Much

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raised all the cash you can raise, decide on a method of borrowing. Banks will give preferred consideration to church loans where a large part of the cost has been pledged by the members. You can also bargain for better interest rates.

(3) Should you decide to sell church bonds, deal ONLY with reputable bond companies. A Jackson-based firm, as well as others, has an excellent reputation in this field and has helped thousands of churches in the south.

(4) Never, but never, should the pastor be allowed to handle the bond issue. All actions should be by committee and every transaction should be countersigned by at least two people.

One former Mississippi pastor is in the penitentiary and the churches of the association are paying off the debt on the church building after thousands of dollars disappeared that supposedly was handled by the former pastor of the church through the sale of bonds.

Baptist churches must build buildings if they are to reach people. Building a building with a shiny steeple doesn't automatically reach people, however. Our plea is for responsible decisions and actions on the part of pastors, deacons, and church families relating to the financing of building costs.

Twin Convention

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churches in Belzoni, New Albany, Greenwood, Starkville, Columbus, West Point, and Jackson.

Charles Muller, minister of music at Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson, is director of this group.

Each evening's session will open with a patriotic meditation feature, "Youth Prays for Peace." The cast will be composed of young people from First Baptist Church, Jackson, under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Alexander, youth director.

Norman Rodgers, Rev. Bill Latham and Rev. Kenneth Miller of the Training Union Department staff are coordinators.

Top rank leaders will be giving conference leadership for all age groups. These will include James Whaley of Kentucky; Bob Cook, Cecil McGee, Bob Taylor, Margaret Sharp, Forest Watkins, and Nora Padgett of the Sunday School Board; Doris Morgan of North Carolina; Bill King of Texas; Mrs. Lee Gaban of Florida.

Baptist Planners Gather In Nashville

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tists are giving less attention to the unchanging verities of the faith, Criswell reminded.

"People have problems and needs which demand answers. We have those answers. No longer can we minister to one part of a person. We must do more than preach sermons. We must build a Christian fellowship which includes a ministry to the total family."

To carry out this ministry, Southern Baptists are going to need in the churches the same new approaches public school systems are using, Criswell said. It may even call for several churches joining together to meet a community need, he added.

"We ought to be willing to get involved with the perplexities and frustrations of people around us. Jesus involved himself with the world. He went to parties, weddings, and to dinner with sinners. He talked about that cup of cold water, a lost sheep, and the knock at the door. It's that same involvement that's expected of us," Criswell said.

Polity Discussed

James L. Sullivan of Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, presented for discussion a paper on Southern Baptist polity, destined to serve as a foundation for the Southern Baptist Planning and Promotion Conference.

The subject, a popular one for Southern Baptists, brought sharp reaction at points but general agreement in substance from the group in War Memorial Auditorium.

The leaders, representing about 500 of the denomination's 1,100 associations, 30 state Baptist conventions and 23 agencies and organizations of the Southern Baptist Convention, broke up into small groups for more lengthy discussion of Baptist polity throughout the week.

Main purpose of the week-long meeting was to plan Southern Baptist activities for 1968-73, particularly those in 1968-70.

Most of the week was devoted to separate planning sessions for the 500 associational superintendents of missions, the state secretaries for the 30 conventions, the heads of the 23 SBC agencies and organizations, and for state and nation-wide Baptist workers in the areas of Sunday

School, church training, music, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, evangelism, missions, architecture, work with Negro Baptists,

ditional principles on leadership and religious liberty. Porter Routh of Nashville, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the

New Potentials Seen

Space age technology is changing man's whole perspective of the world giving him new freedom and respon-

thing — all on your living room wall, Lindaman said.

It is not fantasy to predict that the children in elementary school today may someday spend a vacation on the moon or orbit the earth on an orbiting hotel, he added.

Rockwell scientists are now working on television sets so small that 12 of them can sit on the head of a pin, he declared.

In all of this advance, man must find meaning in life, and that meaning cannot be discovered in a laboratory, Lindaman stated. The new technology will, however, give man a new freedom to discover who man really is.



NASHVILLE (BP)—GATHERED ON THE CAPITOL steps in Nashville are Southern Baptist leaders who came from across the nation for a week-long planning and promotion conference for the 1970's. Planning for the areas of Sunday School, church training, music, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, evangelism, missions, architecture, work with Negro Baptists, stewardship, Christian life, state papers and public relations centered primarily around 1968-73. More than 1300 persons representing 500 associations, 30 state conventions, and 23 agencies were registered for the meetings. (BP photo).

stewardship, Christian Life (ethics), state papers, and public relations.

In his paper, Sullivan cited nine principles on Baptist polity and elaborated on each. Later a five-man reactor panel and about 20 persons at floor microphones commented on his statements.

The principles touched on a consecrated membership, basic theology, local church autonomy, equality among Baptist bodies, sound organizational practices, independence of Baptist bodies and agencies, communications, relationship of associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies, and motivation.

During discussions, persons in the audience suggested ad-

sibility, a manufacturer of spacecraft components told about 1,300 Baptist leaders here.

"We truly stand at the threshold of a whole new frontier which the exploration of space is giving us," said Edward B. Lindaman, manager of a division of North American Rockwell Corp., in Downey, Calif., which makes components of the Apollo spacecraft.

Speaking to the Southern Baptist Planning and Promotion Conference here, Lindaman said that the December moon shot has far more significance than most people realize.

"On Christmas eve, three earthlings will look at the earth from the other side of the moon, and our whole perspective of the earth will be changed," Lindaman said. "This strange new actuality, viewing the earth this way, will be the basis for a new era of exciting potentials having to do with the full development of human beings," he added.

"We dare no longer set the limits on our globe," he declared. "We have a new set of eyes. We are enabled to see: enabled to do. We are free to exhaust the limits of the possible. We can think at new levels, and consequently we can act at new levels."

At the basis of the revolution in space technology is the question, "Who is man?" Lindaman stated. Space technology is radically changing man's self-image, he added.

"Most of us were tradition-oriented in the past," Lindaman said. "But now we must think in terms of the possibilities of the future, not the past tradition. We get our personal identity from our vision of the future and what it can be."

Lindaman, a Presbyterian layman who directs configuration management for Rockwell's Apollo Command Service Module space division, described numerous technological advances of the 1970's that will affect mankind.

From orbiting spacecraft, man will be able to classify soil, locate new sources of minerals, study the best uses of land, identify crop yields and crop diseases, track migratory birds, conduct flood control surveys, determine how many people use public parks and recreation facilities by changes in temperatures caused by body heat, detect earthquakes in advance, predict weather, and provide global television broadcasts from orbiting spacecraft.

Within 20 years, three-dimensional television screens can project life-size, full-color images so accurate that the viewer cannot distinguish between them and the real

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Mt. Zion To Hear Missionaries

On Sunday night, December 22, Mount Zion Church Rankin County, will have as guest speakers Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roberson, missionaries to Nigeria. Rev. and Mrs. Roberson will speak and also show colored slides of their work in Nigeria. The services will be at 7:00 o'clock. At 6:00 o'clock the church choir will present the Christmas Cantata, "Thy Night So Holy," under the direction of Ronnie Tullis, music director. There will be no Training Union on this date. Rev. T. C. Pinson is pastor.

To Give Concert

Sacred music evangelists R. L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City will be featured in a Christmas Concert at First Church, Yazoo City, on Thursday, December 19, 7:30 p.m.

This special Christmas concert program is being sponsored by the Mozart Music Club of Yazoo City.

Lyric tenor R. L. Sigrest will be accompanied at the piano by his wife. Special accompaniment for the concert will be provided by Jimmy Bilbo, organist who travels with the Sigrests in numerous concerts and revivals; and Stanley C. Beers, Yazoo High band director will play the vibraphone.



Beth and R. L. Sigrest

Spanish Baptists Inaugurate Chapel

A new Baptist chapel has been officially inaugurated in Alacuas, Spain, as a mission of Valencia's First Baptist Church, reports European Baptist Press Service. Alacuas is a suburb of Valencia.

Representatives of Baptist churches, the local Protestant community, and the Roman Catholic diocesan ecumenical commission were among the 150 present for the ceremonies, according to Rev. Juan Torres, pastor of the sponsoring church.

Rev. Jose Cardona, Madrid, head of the Spanish Evangelical Defense Committee and a Baptist minister, conveyed the official government authorization for the chapel. It had been secured without going through a church that is officially registered under Spain's new religious liberty law, Torres said.

Watch Night And The Crusade Of The Americas

By L. Gordon Sansing
Director of Evangelism

What sort of memory do you have of a Watch Night program? This memory perhaps includes an enjoyable time of fun, eats and social fellowship. It most certainly should include a meaningful spiritual experience if the real purpose of the meeting was achieved.

Perhaps my most vivid memory of a Watch Night service is the one when for the first time on such a night I was on my knees in prayer for revival as the old year passed and the new year was ushered in.

The sense of the presence of God and a renewed yielding of my life to be a more effective instrument for Him was so real as to leave a lasting and satisfying memory.

What about Watch Night this December 31? The Committee on Preparation for the Crusade of the Americas has suggested that it be a time of repentance and renewal.

Can we be instruments for revival in the present day? Not without spiritual revival and renewal. In the light of II Chronicles 7:14, may each of us search his soul.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

May God convict us of our sins of omission as well as commission. May we in genuine sincerity repent of our sins and commit ourselves anew to Him so that we can be used of Him as instruments of revival.

Let's have a pleasant time of fun and social fellowship at Watch Night on December 31, but let us not fail to come to grips with the main issues, the main needs, the main power.

We need revival. Can God use us as His instruments of revival? Not without repentance and renewal.

Brotherhood Annual Roundup

All that we do, camping, retreats, rallies, World Mission Conferences, and even in training clinics, the emphasis is Missionary Education for Baptist Men, Baptist Young Men, and Boys.

During the year Baptist Men of our state have had opportunity, under the direction of the Brotherhood Department, to participate in the following endeavor.



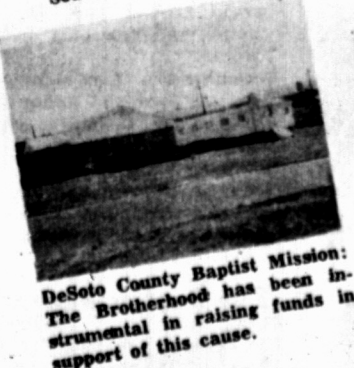
Brotherhood Retreat: North and South



Associational and church leadership training.



The Keith Allen family, World Mission Conference, 1968



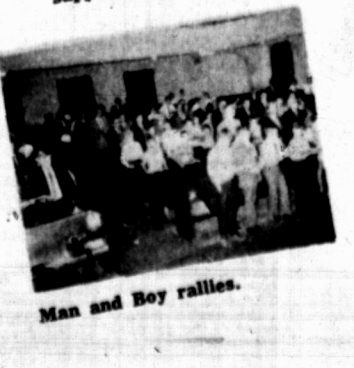
DeSoto County Baptist Mission: The Brotherhood has been instrumental in raising funds in support of this cause.



World Missions: Each September we promote and direct a World Mission Conference at Camp Garaywa.



Brotherhood Banquet: The annual Brotherhood Banquet is one of the oldest traditions of the Brotherhood Department in our state.



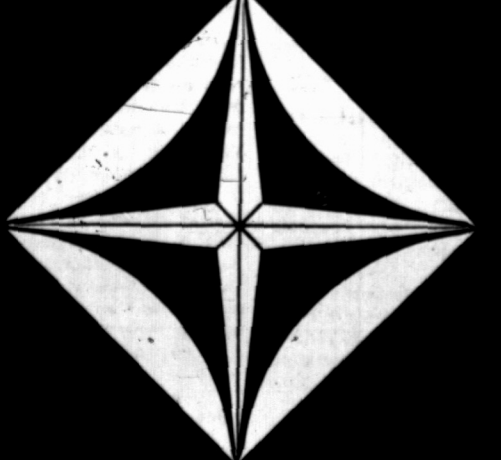
Man and Boy rallies.



Camping: Seven weeks each summer at Camp Kittiwake.



Choctaw Indian radio ministry.



TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

student night at Christmas 1968

NASHVILLE — TO MAKE HIM KNOWN is the theme of the 1968 Student Night at Christmas program in Southern Baptist churches. Thousands of students will share in telling of their experiences in campus life during special worship services Dec. 29.—BSSB photo

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Christ Was Born On Christmas Day

(Continued from page 1)

But if this is all that Christmas means, it is little more than a pagan festival.

Without Jesus Christ, who was born on this day, and in whose coming this day was born, there would be no Christmas.

Without his coming the Old Testament would be a meaningless religious book, and the New Testament would not have been written.

Without Jesus Christ there would be no Christianity, with all that it brought to this sad, dark, sinful world.

Without the coming of Christ there would be no church, no preaching, and no message of life and hope.

Without Him there would be no Christian men and women with all of the blessings they have brought to the world.

Without Christ's coming on that first Christmas day, the world would not know the full meaning of love, freedom, moral character, and respect for fellow men. Nor would it have all of the institutions Christianity has given to mankind.

Without Christ's coming the grave would be an enigma, death a terror, life a hopeless quest, and eternal redemption only a meaningless dream.

But Christ did come!

The promises of the prophets were fully fulfilled.

God revealed His love for men, and sent the redeemer he had promised for their redemption.

And Christmas comes again to remind us of these glorious truths.

Let us not forget them, as we become involved in all of the modern pressures of the Christmas season.

Let us make it above all else a Christmas for Christ.

Training Union Opportunities

Training Union workers, youth of the churches, and all pastors and church leaders interested in this phase of the work of the churches, have an outstanding opportunity offered them in the two Training Union Conventions which are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, December 30-31, at First Church, Jackson.

Two conventions, a Training Union Leadership Convention, and a Mississippi Youth Convention, will be held simultaneously. They will begin at 2:00 p. m. on Monday, and close with a Watchnight Service ending at midnight on Tuesday.

The Leadership Convention is planned as "A training program for improvement of leadership skills for all Training Union workers," and the Youth Convention is "An inspirational program for the spiritual enrichment of the youth of Mississippi." The youth convention is for all Intermediates and Young People in the churches.

Mr. Kemit King, Director of the State Training Union Department, and his staff, have planned for these conventions two of the finest programs ever offered to Mississippi Baptists, and are bringing outstanding leaders and speakers from across the Southern Baptist Convention to participate. Choirs and drama groups from within the state will be featured, too. The opening and closing sessions will be joint meetings, but all other sessions will be separate. The Watchnight Service on Tuesday night promises to be one of the greatest such services ever held in the state.

We join with Mr. King in urging churches all over the state to send representatives to this meeting. It can make a difference in Training Union and youth work in all of the churches in 1969.

The New Baptist Record

When you receive your next issue of the Baptist Record the first week in January, it will have a new look.

It still will be a newspaper, but the pages will be slightly larger. Instead of the seven column format which has been used for the past thirteen years, a new six column format will be used, with wider columns. The headlines will have a different appearance for they will be longer, and the makeup will be more in what is called the "horizontal" style. Within a few weeks a new size will be added to the headline type.

The editorial page will be changed so that once again the editorials will be on the left side of the page rather than across the top. They, too, will have a different appearance, for they will be two column. All

department and feature columns will have new column heads.

Some new features are coming, too. One of these is a new series of photo stories on the work of all of the departments, institutions and agencies of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. These will begin in January. We have some other new features coming too, which we think will greatly please our readers.

The change in format does not mean that we are making major changes in content or publication policies. We shall continue to try to bring to our readers a broad coverage of the news of Baptists and their work, and other news which effects them, or should be of interest to them. We will continue an editorial policy of seeking to interpret the news, and also will carry inspirational articles, features, etc., as in the past. We shall continue to use many pictures, and hope to use more color than ever before.

We shall continue to carry the departments, news of the churches, institutions and agencies, special pages for young people, the Sunday school lessons, book and record reviews, and other feature material as in the past. The policies concerning use of material will continue as in the past.

We are hoping to expand the "Letters to the Editor" column, to use more letters than in the past. However, we are requesting that they be kept short and to the point, and shall reserve the right to abbreviate or abridge them if they are too long. Of course, space always limits the number of letters we can use. However, we do invite wider participation in discussion of issues before Baptists.

The changes which are being made in format represent an effort on our part to keep the Baptist Record up to date, and to make it more readable and more valuable to our readers. We recently have had the paper appraised by one of the top newspaper authorities in the United States, and some of the changes being made come from his suggestions on how we could improve the paper. For example, the six column format is one of the newest trends in the newspaper field and is being used by such publications as The National Observer, The Dallas Morning News, and The Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal. It is said to be more readable, and has a cleaner, sharper appearance. We hope that our readers will be pleased with it, and that it will better serve the denomination and the churches.

We feel that this would be a splendid time for those 400 churches not using the Every Family Plan to begin using it. We feel that the Baptist Record will now be a better Assistant Pastor than ever before and that it should be in every Baptist home in the state. A special offer is being made right now to churches not in the EFP, and pastors or members interested should write the editor immediately.



Education Commission, SBC

"Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself the thing you have to do. When it ought to be done, whether you like it or not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson that he learns thoroughly."—Thomas Henry Huxley

"There is really no comparison between the human mind and the most fantastic computer ever imagined. There are many things that a machine has never done, cannot do today, and will not do tomorrow; in fact, will never do. The human mind holds billions of pieces of information, all cataloged we know not how, all brought to mind or retrieved we know not how, all synthesized into knowledge, into intelligence, into creativity, and all available to guide every one of us as we move through this complicated world — available to give us morality, character, sympathy, and countless other human traits."—Thomas J. Watson, Jr.

The nation should raise its expectations and "uplift the dignity of being a young adult," according to the president of the Association of American Colleges, Dr. Richard Sullivan. He said that a student entering college today has obtained knowledge and information his parents were never exposed to. "Yet those of us who have the power to respond in light of their advanced development have been almost blindly slow in accepting it and, as a consequence, in adapting our conventions to it," he added.

Dr. Sullivan recommended that the voting age and the definition of a dependent minor in civil matters be lowered to eighteen, and that colleges consider hastening the inevitable abolishment of the doctrine of "in loco parentis," thereby renouncing their traditional role as babysitters. Any system of family income guarantees, or negative income tax plan, Sullivan suggested, should define eighteen as the age a person is considered a new, single, independent unit.

"We tend somehow," he concluded, "to forget that the students' education and individual development are the principal objects of a college and the main justification of our investment and effort."

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

- December 23 — Addie G. McNeely, Clarke faculty; Bradley Pope, Baptist student director, Mississippi College.
- December 24 — Betty Lowe, faculty, Gilroy School of Nursing; E. I. Farr, faculty, Mississippi College.
- December 25 — Peggy Taylor, staff, Children's Village; Ervin Brown, supt. of missions, DeSoto County.
- December 26 — Mrs. Frances Smith, Wm. Carey faculty; Mrs. Myrtis M. Laubert, staff, Blue Mountain College.
- December 27 — Bunnard Stevenson, Baptist Book Store; Sarah Walker, Baptist Book Store.
- December 28 — Alex McKeigney, Education Commission; E. Q. Richards, Historical Commission.
- December 29 — D. B. Courtney, Christian Action Commission; W. G. Watson, Christian Action Commission.

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Has there been a real increase in violent crime in America these past few days? Dr. Karl Menninger, famed 75-year-old psychiatrist, does not think so. He has made a careful study of the nation's courts and prisons for the past three decades and is convinced that "violent crime has been diminishing all the time." Those who questioned his conclusions were referred to the novels of Charles Dickens and the violence of the Boston Tea Party and the Crusades which he termed riots. He added, "Most crimes of violence do not take place in the streets; they take place in the homes. Most nonviolent crime takes place in department stores, supermarkets." He also insisted that we must change our concept of the police function in this country. He sees the average policeman treated as a common laborer in the community. He disagreed with the suggestion that police work attracts persons with an inclination towards violence. His research has indicated that police work actually attracts many men who are "quite gentle." (Nashville Tennessean, 10-30-68)

Baptist Colleges, One Seminary Get Accreditation

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, and two Baptist colleges have been accepted as newly accredited members of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which held its annual meeting here.

The seminary, accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools, since 1937, was accepted by the Southern Association under the "special purpose institution" category.

Baptist colleges accepted into the association are Houston (Tex.) and Mobile (Ala.) Baptist Colleges. The Baptist College at Charleston (S. C.) was recognized as a candidate for accreditation.

Three other Baptist schools were cited as having completed institutional self-studies, a step toward full accreditation. They were East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex.; Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex.; and William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

There are a few Christians who give the impression they were baptized in vinegar.



New Books

THE LAYMAN'S INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT by Carl H. Morgan (Judson Press, 126 pp., paperback, \$2.50)

A king-sized collection of information to help a person read the New Testament with more and deeper understanding. Each book of the New Testament is discussed in terms of authorship, approximate date and probable situation of its writing, and its main ideas. Included are questions for reflection or discussion. The final chapters explain how the books of the present New Testament were collected, evaluated, adopted into the canon, transmitted through manuscripts, and translated for modern use.

COMMUNICATION FOR THE CHURCH by Raymond W. McLaughlin (Zondervan, 228 pp., \$3.95)

The church can improve its communication. Given adequate tools and a driving will, the Christian can share the truth with others. The author of this book believes that the power to communicate also is available, according to the promise of Christ to His followers in John 14:16-17. In penetrating, probing chapters he deals with The Will to Communicate, The Fundamentals of Communication, The Process of Communication, Barriers to Communication, Group Communication, and The Power to Communicate.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FROM THE HOLY LAND by Ruth C. Ikerman (Abingdon, 110 pp., \$2.75)

Mrs. Ikerman visited the Holy Land—and she records here in this beautifully bound little book not so much what she saw, but how she felt and reacted. In 25 short chapters she describes familiar scenes of Bible lands. She not only pictures a modern Palestine, but reconstructs what it must have been like in Bible times. The result is an unusual book of meditations and prayers.

HEART GIFTS FROM HELEN STEINER RICE by Helen Steiner Rice (Fleming H. Revell, 96 pp., \$3.50)

A selection of heartwarming poems by an author who has appeared in greeting cards and gift booklets for a number of years. Also includes a life of the author. Deluxe gift edition; boxed; includes colored drawings.

PARTY TIME GAME BOOK by Naoma Clark (Word, 236 pp., \$3.95)

Here, gathered into one book, are over 500 games and stunts of all kinds, for all ages from adults to the very young. The collection includes ice-breakers, indoor and outdoor games, active and quiet games, magic and mind-reading games. These were compiled by the daughter of the popular writer and film producer, Ken Anderson.

CHORAL GROUPS THE SINGING CHURCHMEN OF MISSISSIPPI (CHM-42)

Music directors of Mississippi churches blend their voices in some of the greatest Christian music being sung by Baptist choirs today. The choir is under the direction of Dan C. Hall, Director of the Department of Music of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Pianists are Mrs. Clyde Bryan of Jackson, and Edwin Sudduth of Gulfport. The organist is Donald Wintes, Dean of School of Music at William Carey College. The Mississippi College String Quartet provides some of the numbers. Soloists are Jim Raymick of Tupelo, Vernon Polk of Grenada, Roland Shaw of Clinton, Jerry Claxton of Clinton, J. B. Betts, Indianola, Cecil Harper, Jackson, and ensemble members include J. T. Taylor, Charles Muller, Cecil Harper and Jim Jones, all of Jackson. The numbers are wisely chosen, well arranged, and beautifully rendered. Included are I Must Tell Jesus, Set My Soul Afire, My Faith Looks Up to Thee, All that Thrills My Soul, Love Divine and others. This is an outstanding album which will bless any Christian home.

SONGS OF SALVATION — THE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL OF MALE VOICE PRAISE (Word-W-4036-LP)

Choirs of Scotland, join a festival of great Christian music. Included are When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Brightly Beams Our Banner, O Lamb of God I Come, and other less familiar numbers.

INSTRUMENTAL WOULD YOU BELIEVE — The Royal Heirs (Word, Stereo, WST-8446-LP)

An unusual "new sound" in Christian music. Six Christian young men give their witness through use of four saxophones, two clarinets, one trumpet, piano, organ, string bass, vibes, guitars and ukulele, plus voices, in unusual arrangements of

THE SPURLOW MEN SING (Word, W-3416-LP)

An outstanding men's glee club presents unusual and beautiful arrangements of some of the great hymns. Included are Under His Wings, Constantly Abiding, The Old Rugged Cross, Near to the Heart of God, Kneel at the Cross, and others.

PRAISE — THE BISON GLEE CLUB (Word, Stereo, WST-8444-LP)

The famed glee club of Oklahoma Baptist University, led by Dr. Warren Angel, presents another remarkable and thrilling program of sacred and patriotic music. Includes great hymns, spirituals, songs of America, and others. Among the numbers are Wherever He Leads I'll Go, Praise, When the Saints Go Marching In, Love Divine, Dry Bones, Go Tell It on the Mountain, This Land is Your Land, Our Flag, and others.

SWEETER AS THE YEARS GO BY—OLD FASHIONED REVIVAL HOUR QUARTET (Word, Stereo, WST-8438-LP)

This quartet, so long connected with the famed radio program, needs no introduction. Here are beloved gospel songs sung at their best. Mo-

ment by Moment, I would Be Like Jesus, Sweeter As the Days Go By, and others.

KOREAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR — THE RING OF HAPPINESS (Word, Stereo WST-8441-LP)

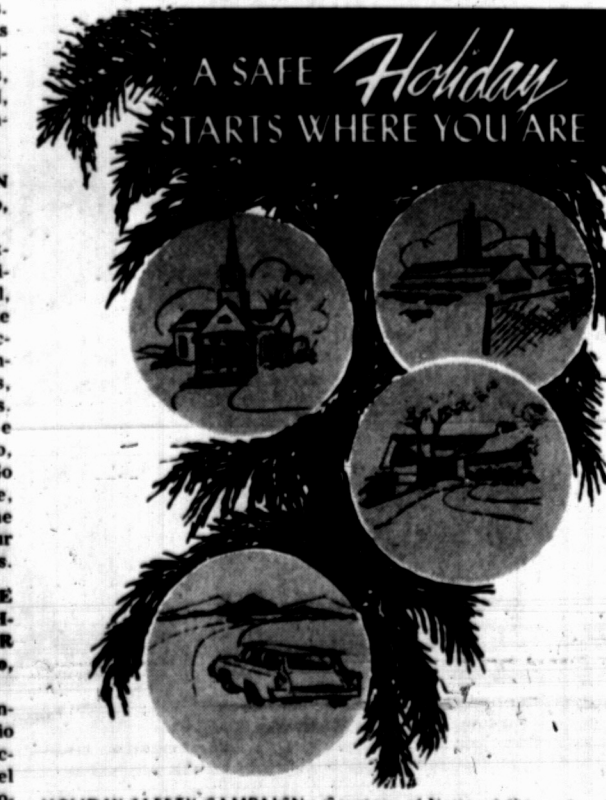
This famous Children's Choir sponsored by World Vision, is made up of orphan children from Korea. They have toured America a number of times and issued a number of albums. This one includes such numbers as Blessed Assurance, My Faith Looks Up to Thee, Amazing Grace, Alleluiah, and a number of more popular children's songs.

FOR THE QUIET HOUR—Raymond Mosley, Violin (Word, Stereo-WST-8427-LP)

A great artist plays some outstanding religious numbers accompanied by organ. Included are Once To Every Man and Nation, My Jesus As Thou Wilt, Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen, Largo, At the Name of Jesus, and others. Listenable and restful music that will haunt and bless.

PARADISE OF PROMISE —Bud Tutmarc on Hawaiian Guitar (Sacred, Stereo, LPS-74052, Mono, LP 73052)

Melodies on the Hawaiian guitar, accompanied by the Ralph Carmichael strings.



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Light The World's Tree

Light the world's Christmas tree with stars.
Heap offerings upon the mighty branches.
Bring the Yule-log to the world-fireplace.
Deck the world-house with holly
and mistletoe and proclaim
everywhere the Christmas of
the human race.

—Helen Keller

Never X

Xmas is how they sign it.
While Christmas is what they mean.
But X doesn't stand for my Lord.
Whose name is pure and clean.

Let's think before we write
A letter or Christmas card.
Do we have an X where Christ
should be?
A symbol for our Holy Lord?
Help put "Christ" back in
Christmas.
We can try to do our part.
Then, as Christ comes back to
Christmas.
He'll come back to our hearts.
—Rail Webber

SEASONAL PROVERB

He has more business than an
English oven at Christmas time.

PEACE ON EARTH

Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled.
—Charles Wesley

God shook the world with a
Babe, not a bomb.—Charles
Grant

Sweetest note in seraph's
song, sweetest name on
mortal tongue, sweetest carol
ever sung, — Jesus, blessed
Jesus.

Winds Through The Olive Trees

Winds through the olive trees softly did blow
"Round little Bethlehem long ago
Sheep on the hillside lay whiter than snow
Shepherds were watching them long, long ago
Then from the happy side, angels bent low,
Singing their songs of joy, long, long ago
For in a manger bed cradled we know
Christ came to Bethlehem long ago.
—Traditional Carol

A CHILD IS BORN

For unto us a Child is born, unto
us a Son is given; and the govern-
ment shall be upon his shoulder;
and his name shall be called Won-
derful, Counselor, the Mighty God,
the Everlasting Father, the Prince
of Peace.

—Isaiah

A Christmas Carol

Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child
Wake thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for thee.

—Martin Luther

Awake, glad heart! Get up
and sing!
It is the birthday of thy king.

—Henry Vaughan

Lost Christmas

Somewhere, buried under tissue,
Bent beneath the load
Of our hurried, hurried giving,
Christmas lost the road.

Christmas, that was sweet and
simple,
With a song, a star,
Christmas that was hushed and holy,
Seems so very far!

Let us stop and look for Christmas:
Maybe, if we tried,
We could find it somewhere under
All the gifts we tied.

Christmas waiting, wistful, weary,
May be very near—
Christmas lost, a little lonely,
Wishing to be here.

—Helen Frazer Bower

"Real" Christmas

It's Christmas again.
I remember its joys
The bright red bicycle,
The games and the toys.

Now my childhood is past,
But the thoughts linger on
Of the Christmas tree setting,
And my loved ones back home.

Maybe next Christmas
Together we'll all be
In a world without sorrow
No pain or misery.

When the "real" Christmas comes
I'll be satisfied
For we'll all stand together
With God by our side.
—Part of a longer poem
by Bobby Ray Watson

Safety

Christmas is near. Many people will
be traveling by car. Be cautious.
Obey the traffic laws. Adjust to
weather conditions. Give the other
fellow a break. Right of way does
not give you the right to have an
accident.

—Pilot Club of Jackson

What we keep is lost; what
we give is ours forever.
—Nicholas Yinger

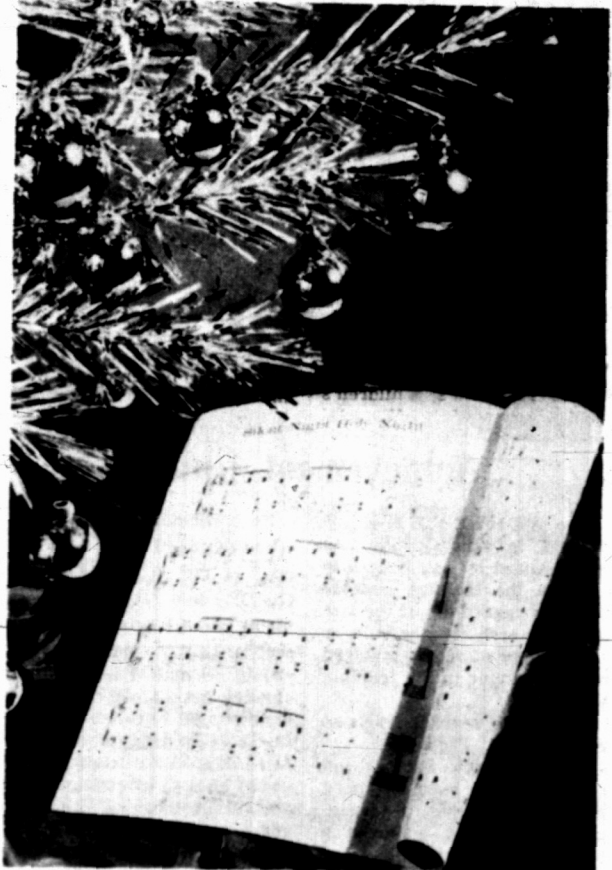
Praise the day with joy and
mirth, love and exaltation,
When our Savior came to
earth bringing man's salva-
tion. —Old Catalan Nativity
Song

Christmas Eve

The latch is on the door tonight,
The hearth fire is aglow;
I seem to hear soft passing feet—
The Christ Child in the snow.

My heart is open wide tonight,
For stranger, kith, or kin;
I would not bar a single door,
Where love might enter in.

A WATER COLOR OF THE WHITE HOUSE in winter has
been used to illustrate a Presidential greeting card at
Christmas. (RNS Photo)



"Silent Night" is 150 years old this Christmas Eve.
(RNS Photo)

Silent Night

By Martin Vanhee

The little village of Arnsdorf is located near Salzburg, high up in the
Tyrolean mountains of Austria.
A blizzard was raging outside, and poor Father Josef Mohr, the priest
of the parish, was preparing for midnight mass. The mice had eaten a
hole in the bellows of the organ, and because of the storm, no one could
come to fix it. That was Christmas Eve in the year eighteen hundred and
eighteen.

As he sat alone in his study, thinking how services could be held
without the organ, he was impressed with the deep penetrating quietness
and how humble man really was, after all, that a little hungry
mouse could leave them almost helpless to properly conduct their im-
portant Christmas Eve mass.

It must have also been humble and quiet in the manger that night long
ago, he mused to himself.
He listened! And, there was only silence.
Silent Night—Yes, and it was a Holy Night. All is calm, all is bright!
And as his thoughts wandered back to the night their mass was to de-
cate, he wrote the words "Round yon Virgin Mother and Child! Holy In-
fant, so tender and mild!"

Almost without being aware of it, his pen was recording his thoughts.
Rapidly they flew across the parchment!
Yes, that would be it. Perhaps his good friend Franz Gruber could
make a tune to these words, and maybe his parishioners could sing this
new song without the organ music.

And Herr Gruber strummed up a little tune for the little song. And
that night at mass it was sung for the first time to the strumming music
of Herr Gruber's guitar.
"Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace!"

FOREIGN MISSIONARY OF FUTURE IS DESCRIBED

FORT WORTH (BP)—The missionary of the future
must be multilingual, multiskilled and interant, fraternal,
intercultural, international, ecumenical, and just as dedi-
cated as his forebears, an official of the Southern Baptist
Foreign Mission Board said here.

Jesse Fletcher, the head of the newly created mission
support division of the Foreign Mission Board, spoke to
students and faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological
Seminary.

He shared his vision for the future in missions and then
challenged the students by telling them that these "mis-
sionaries must come from your ranks, people like you."

In describing the new brand missionary, he rejected
the need for periodical retraining for missionaries and
early retirement with future services in other areas.

Fletcher pointed out that the multi-skilled missionary
will have to be involved in theology, communication,
culture, economics, education and other specialties in or-
der to be effective. "He must be more like a diplomat who
assumes new and varied roles during his lifetime."

Foreign Board Appoints 247 Missionaries

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missionaries. Many Southern
Baptists have during the past
year participated in special
projects in evangelism and
church development under the
direction of the Foreign Mis-
sion Board. Seminary and
college professors have gone
overseas during sabbaticals to
render helpful service.

Doctors have gone overseas
for a month or more at a
time, at their own expense,
to relieve critical personnel
shortages. Laymen have trav-
eled to mission fields to par-
ticipate in conferences de-
signed to strengthen the
Christian witness, particularly
in connection with the Cru-
sade of the Americas, a hemi-
spheric evangelistic endeavor,
which after years of prepara-
tion reaches its climax in
1969. Pastors have gone out
to serve English-speaking
churches.

Dr. Cauten closed his re-
port with a look to the future,
mentioning especially the 1969
Crusade of the Americas. "In
mission work our expectation
is from God," he concluded.
"We shall one day see the
full meaning of the labor,
prayers, battles, sorrows, and
joys of it all."

The Board appropriated an
additional \$15,000 for the re-
lief of suffering in eastern Ni-
geria, an area ravaged by
civil war for almost two
years. With \$35,000 appropri-
ated earlier, the Foreign Mis-
sion Board has now provid-
ed \$50,000 to help Nigeria's
needy.

Other actions by the Board
include a structural change
within the newly created mis-
sion support division, trans-
ferring the press section of the
department of missionary edu-
cation and promotion to an
office of public relations.

New Missionaries

The new career mis-
sionaries, their native states, and
fields of service are: Charles
W. Cole and Barbara Norwood
Cole, both of Oklahoma, for
Indonesia; Donald R. Dolifka,
of Colorado, and Mary Alice
Dorsey Dolifka, of Texas, for
East Africa; Richard B.
Grant and Leo Ryden Grant,
both of Texas, for South
Brazil; Harry J. Harper, Jr.,
of Maryland, and Donna
Compton Harper, of Ohio, for
Colombia; Glenn E. Herndon
and Pat Vaughters Herndon,
both of Georgia, for Colom-
bia; Vivian D. Holder, of
Louisiana, for Europe.

Also, Thomas A. Jones, Sr.,
and Nancy Kirk Jones, both
of Georgia, for East Africa;
Charles R. Middleton and
Glenda Evans Middleton, both



The Bright, Fantastic Snow

All day long, the beautiful snow, just out of heaven is flying below — dancing, whirling and
drifting so fair, oh fair as sight can be, come to the window, all, and see the bright, fantas-
tic snow. —Maryland Farmer (1867) (Photo by courtesy Safe Winter Driving League)

SBC 1968 GIFTS TOP 1967

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budget needs for the 1968
fiscal year.

Although it appears that the
convention will be slightly un-
der its budget when the books
are closed Dec. 31, John H.
Williams, financial planning
secretary for the SBC Execu-
tive Committee said, that the
trends indicate the convention
will meet all of its operating
budget needs and about 75
percent or more of its capital
needs budget.

Williams pointed out that

the convention intentionally
increased the budget much
higher in 1968 than 1967 to
eliminate the system of an
"advance section" which is
divided between home and
foreign missions. The budget
projections for 1968 were
about as close as possible, he
said.

For the first time during
1968, every month of the year,
at the 11-month period has
noted more than \$2 million in
Cooperative Program contri-
butions.

During November, Coopera-
tive Program contributions
were \$2.3 million, and designa-
tions were \$22,204, bringing
total gifts to \$24 million for
the month.

Overall during the 11-month
period, total mission gifts
have increased nearly \$2.6
million or 6.06 per cent; Co-
operative Program contribu-
tions have jumped \$1.17 mil-
lion or 3.14 per cent; and des-
ignations have increased \$1.4
million or 7.17 per cent.

SBC Said To

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maker stands between two op-
posing forces and gets kicked
from both sides," Rutenber
said.

"There is a big difference
between peace keeping or
peace loving, and peace mak-
ing," he added. "Peace keep-
ing is the job of the police.
Any coward can be a peace
lover."

The job of the peace maker
is reconciliation, the American
Baptist leader said. "The
church ought to be an umpire
with competing groups in so-
ciety," he declared.

He observed that the cry
for justice is always tainted
with elements of self-interest
and although the church par-
tially transcends, it is not
able to transcend enough and
thus cannot umpire well
enough. "Not even the Chris-
tian church is good enough to
be trusted with other people's
rights," he said.

Graham Visits

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off the track" and have neg-
lected this emphasis.

He told newsmen he would
like to see a law barring the
heckling of political and other
leaders because he believes it
to be "an infringement of free
speech."

He proposed that each city
and campus set up a Hyde
Park corner — as in London
— where people could talk on
any subject.

The evangelist planned to
leave here for Hawaii where
he will spend three days
being briefed for his Vietnam
visit, undergoing inoculations
and playing golf. He will
speak at military bases in Ja-
pan, and possibly Okinawa
while en route to Vietnam
where he will arrive around
Dec. 15. He expects to return
from Vietnam about Jan. 1
after preaching to American
and Australian troops.

Mr. Graham said he and
Roman Catholic Archbishop
Terence J. Cooke of New York
will join comedian Bob Hope
on a Christmas show over
NBC which will be filmed in
Vietnam.

While in Washington, he
visited former President
Dwight Eisenhower at Walter
Reed Hospital.

SWILEY TO BE COLLEGE HEAD

ATLANTA (BP) — Monroe
F. Swiley Jr. has resigned
after more than 23 years as
pastor of Atlanta's Second-
Ponce de Leon Baptist Church
to become president of Atlan-
ta Baptist College, effective
Jan. 1.

of Louisiana, for Malawi; H.
Warren Rice, of North Caro-
lina, and Bette Kelley Rice, of
Virginia, for Indonesia; John
C. Sanderson, of Michigan,
and Hannah Trigg Sanderson,
of Kentucky, for Trinidad;
Darrell W. Wood, of Okla-
homa, and Priscilla Kelly
Wood, of Missouri, for Hong
Kong.

For the first time the Board
named missionaries with the
specific responsibilities of di-
recting Baptist camps. They
are Mr. Myers and Mr. San-
derson.

Dr. R. Keith Parks, secre-
tary for Southeast Asia, gave
a "state-of-the-union" type re-
port in which he listed vital
needs and problems in various

countries in Southeast Asia.
The uncertainty and indecis-
iveness that shroud Vietnam
are affecting Southern Bap-
tist work there, he said, but
some advances are being
made.

Malaysia and Singapore offer
a unique opportunity for
English-language work. Dr.
Parks pointed out, because
the confusion of languages has
caused English to be used
more universally than in most
countries. English-language
pastors and seminary profes-
sors are among the more
urgent needs there.

The Philippines is conclud-
ing a nationwide crusade, he
said, and initial reports con-
tinue to indicate responsive-
ness of large proportions. Ten
or 12 couples are needed there
at this time for evangelistic
work, he said.

Dr. Parks asked for prayer
concerning a new Philippine
law which requires that all
professional aliens delay
practice of their profession
three years after entry into
the Philippines. This would af-
fect particularly the Board's
hospital ministry in the coun-
try.

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, sec-
retary for Africa, reported on
opportunities for increasing
Baptist work in three areas
newly opened to Southern
Baptist missionaries, plus the
need for relief and rehabilita-
tion work in parts of Nigeria.

41,000 Request Prayer Partners

BIRMINGHAM (BP)—With
less than a month before the
deadline, more than 41,000
Baptists in North, Central and
South America have said
"Sim" (Portuguese), "Si"
(Spanish), or "Yes" to a pray-
er partnership for the Cru-
sade of Americas.

"Pact," coordinated by the
Southern Baptist Woman's
Missionary Union here, con-
tinues to attract at least 400
requests for prayer partners
each day. Deadline for apply-
ing for a "Pact" partner is
Dec. 31.

Approximately 30,000 of the
applicants have already been
matched with partners ac-
cording to Mrs. R. L. Mathis,
"Pact" coordinator.

"With a heavy flow of ap-
plications still coming in, we
will not be able to have all
the partnerships assigned by
the deadline," she said. "We
will handle all applications
which arrive before Jan. 1.
Partners will be assigned as
soon as possible after that
date."

Mrs. E. O. Fowler, an em-
ployee who has headed the
clerk team for "Pact," said
that one partner wrote the
sad story that a visitor in her
home had escaped with her
partner's name. "Can you tell
me who my partner was?"
she pleaded.

More than 100 assignments
have been returned, "moved,"
"no such street number," "re-
fused," "addressee unknown,"
the envelopes say. Persons
who have changed address
since writing for a partner
need to let the "Pact" office
know, Mrs. Fowler said. Sev-

eral persons have reported
sending in applications which
have never arrived in Birm-
ingham.

Mrs. Mathis urged appli-
cants to wait patiently for
their partners, but she said,
"If a person believes that his
card could have been lost in
the mail he should write
"Pact" in care of 800 North
20th St., Birmingham, Ala.,
35203.

The applicants include indi-
viduals, groups, families and
churches. Of the 30,000 al-
ready in partnership, many
have reported a concert of
prayer under way.

The pastor of a General

Baptist church in Missouri
wrote the "Pact" office
thanks for matching him with
a Southern Baptist church in
Inverness, Fla. "It is delight-
ful," he said.

A woman who described
herself "on the wrong side of
fifty" checked the incorrect
age group on her application.
She was assigned a teenager
for a partner. The woman
wrote her partner and the
"Pact" office giving the
young lady a chance to trade
her name in for a younger
model. "Until I hear further,"
she wrote, "I will pray at
nine o'clock each day for you
and the Crusade." The team
did not drop partnership.



Lullaby

NEW YORK — "Lullaby" is a song of love to the Christ Child
in this Hummel figurine. Based on the sketches of Berta Hum-
mel, the figurines have been created in ceramic by W.
Goebel of Bavaria, West Germany.—(RNS Photo)

Toxish Ordains Shiloh Pastor

Rev. Ray Ware, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Ware, Pontotoc, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by Toxish Church, Pontotoc County. He has accepted the pastorate of Shiloh Church, Chickasaw County, which was organized by the Toxish Church over a hundred years ago.

He graduated from Itawamba Junior College, Fulton, and is now a senior at Blue Mountain College. He is married to the former Charlene Clement, a graduate of MSCW.

Rev. Herbert Howell, a former pastor, gave the charge to the churches. Rev. J. C. Mitchell, county missionary, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. Ulvie Pitts is pastor.

Rev. Ware has a brother, Towery, who was formerly ordained to the ministry by the same church.

Toxish Church also recently ordained four deacons: George Tucker, Lamar Waters, Marvin Moore, and Boone McKnight.

Toxish was organized in 1837. In 1966, a new building with adequate sanctuary, Sunday school rooms, fellowship hall, and other facilities was dedicated.



Rev. Ray Ware



EVENING PRAYERS AT CHRISTMAS —
(RNS Photo)

The Most Precious Gift

By Betty Henderson

Packaging and wrapping gifts is an art. We sometimes hate to open our gifts because the gift wrapping was done so artistically. There are some people who have the ability to choose and give unusual gifts. You can never know just what they will give or the way in which they will give them or the time or place of the giving. This was the case with God's great Gift. The Gift was dear and precious beyond words. It was the greatest and best that God could give: For he gave himself.

Different people respond in different ways when a gift is announced or given. Sometimes the announcement is accompanied with great joy. Sometimes it brings sadness, disappointment, and anger.

Let us look at some of the reactions that the announcement that God's gift of Christ brought.

To the Wise Men it meant adventure. They hurriedly set out on a long journey. The gift of Christ has meant that to many. We all have friends in countries around the world today who are there because of the announcement. It puts their feet upon the missionary road.

The Heavenly Chorus reacted with "glad tidings of great joy." To them the announcement was something to shout about. Millions have responded in like manner. What would Christmas be without music?

The Shepherds came in adoration and worship.

To the Innkeeper the announcement of the gift meant indifference; he couldn't care less. He could not see how it could affect his business any. Besides, every room was taken. He did not mean to be rude or cruel. No reservations had been made. However, the request had been

Medical Unit Aids Hospital Ministry

A mobile medical unit given to the Baptist Hospital in Asuncion, Paraguay, by Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., has enabled Southern Baptist missionaries and Paraguayan Baptist pastors to extend their ministries to thousands of people in the country's interior.

During the unit's first nine trips 830 people were examined by doctors, 3,020 attended preaching services held in connection with the medical clinics, and 53 persons manifested interest in becoming Christians, reports Mrs. Wilbur C. Lewis, Southern Baptist missionary.

The unit, which has its own water tank and a tent that can be attached, "has facilities for everything from minor surgery to movies," Mrs. Lewis says.

A missionary doctor and a national pastor, sometimes accompanied by a missionary nurse, take the unit to a town or village in the interior of Paraguay, usually at the invitation of the Baptist church in the area. Sometimes their visit results in the opening of Baptist work.

Upon entering a town, the visiting Baptists call on the local authorities to explain their reasons for coming and to demonstrate the medical equipment. With permission from the authorities the team drives through the town, using loudspeakers to invite people to a clinic for free medical consultation.

While the doctor and the nurse hold a clinic the national pastor translates Guarani, the Indian language spoken by most of the people in the interior, into Spanish. Following the clinic the pastor leads a preaching service and shows movies.

Because of limited personnel it has been impossible to develop a consistent program of mobile clinics, Mrs. Lewis says. It is hoped that as soon as help is available the unit can make weekly trips.

Mary and Joseph responded with loving care and grateful hearts. God had dealt with Mary at the well and with Joseph in a dream. We need to say a final word about the response of the Shepherds to the announcement of the Gift of Christ. Christmas is a wonderful time, a time of exchanging gifts. A time of music and worship and adoration. But the day after Christmas is often a letdown. We usually do not say anything about it. We feel rather guilty because we have this reaction. Let the Shepherds be our guide about this feeling that some have but will not admit. "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God." They returned. That was necessary. The sheep would have been uncared for if they had not returned!

The night in which Christ was born marks a new era in human life. That night with all its mystery gave to us a new chance and a new hope. Something happened there that affects us all. May we all remember this at the Christmas season as we read once again the ever-new story of His birth.



Rev. Gerald Entekin

1st, Columbia's 7th New Preacher In Ten Years

First Church, Columbia, on November 3, licensed Gerald Entekin, a young business man, as preacher. Mr. Entekin was associated in a productive enterprise. He has resigned his business and is studying at the University of Southern Mississippi after which he plans to attend New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. Entekin is married to the former Phyllis Pierce of Columbia. He is the seventh young man to be either licensed, ordained, or otherwise registered within the membership of First Church of Columbia for the work of the gospel ministry within the past ten years. Dr. Howard Aultman, pastor, remarked that this type of ministry gives tremendous happiness to the congregation of Columbia, First Church.

MAMIE SALLEE BRYAN DIES

Mrs. Mamie Sallee Bryan was the oldest living Southern Baptist missionary when she died November 29 at the age of 96. She was in the home of a sister in Beeville, Tex., when death came after a long illness. She was buried December 2 in San Antonio.

She was appointed to China in 1905, and four years later she married Dr. R. T. Bryan, a widower, who had been a missionary to China since 1885. He died in 1946.



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Achievement Guide

The ACHIEVEMENT GUIDE is very flexible and can be used by any church to achieve the training purpose for men regardless of the size of the church membership or the number of people involved in the training endeavor.

There are several levels of achievement. They are:

(1) A church Brotherhood completing at least 14 merit achievements shall be recognized as having achieved a Merit Achievement.

(2) A Brotherhood completing 14 plus 7 advanced achievements and having at least 1 of the Brotherhood units may be recognized as having attained Advanced Achievement.

(3) The church Brotherhood having completed at least 18 merit achievements plus at least 10 advanced achievements and having unit organizations for Baptist Men, Baptist Young Men, and Baptist Boys. In realizing this purpose, assignments of a specific nature should be given to various persons thereby directing and encouraging them to a more active relation in mission endeavor.

Each member of the Brotherhood Council should have a copy of the ACHIEVEMENT GUIDE, this GUIDE is also found in the BROTHERHOOD HANDBOOK. The GUIDE should be studied carefully to observe how it relates to the Brotherhood program. In further using of the ACHIEVEMENT GUIDE, it would be well to evaluate the present Brotherhood program and check each point already achieved to determine the present level of achievement.

A study of the ACHIEVEMENT GUIDE should result in the making of plans to accomplish the one thing for which the church Brotherhood organization is designed; namely, Missionary Education for Baptist Men, Baptist Young Men, and Baptist Boys. In realizing this purpose, assignments of a specific nature should be given to various persons thereby directing and encouraging them to a more active relation in mission endeavor.

Music

First Organ-Festival For Senior High Students

Location: Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson

Date: Saturday, February 1, 1969

For the first time, the Church Music Department has scheduled an organ festival for senior high students who have had good training in piano and also who have received organ training and experience. (The organ festival is not open to Juniors or Jr. high ages.)

Four types of organs will be made available to the participants — a three manual Shantz pipe organ, a church model Hammond organ with full pedal board, a Hammond spinet model (13 pedal board), and a three manual Wurliizer organ. The participant will choose the instrument best suited to him.

Also Announcing First Orchestral Instrument Festival

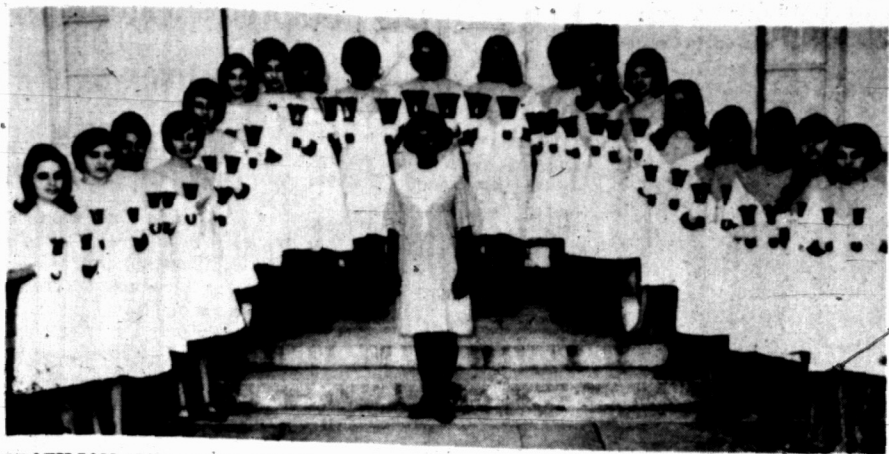
(For brass, woodwind, and strings)

Location: Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson

Date: Saturday, February 15, 1969 (Instead of Feb. 1)

For the first time, the Church Music Department has scheduled a festival for orchestral instruments—solo instruments and instrumental ensembles. This festival is open to Juniors, Intermediates, and Young People.

WRITE CHURCH MUSIC DEPARTMENT, P. O. Box 530, JACKSON, MISS. FOR RULES AND COMPLETE INFORMATION.



BRAZILIAN HANDBELL CHOIR — These bell ringers and other musicians from the Seminary of Christian Educators in Recife, Brazil, have produced a new Christmas record that is being distributed throughout their country on a commercial basis, "Christmas Bells Ring."

The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON—LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—

A Hallelujah Chorus

By Clifton J. Allen

1 John 1:14;
Revelation 15:3-4; 11:15

The birth of Jesus Christ was an event in history. The significance of his coming is the very essence of the Christian gospel. It is appropriate, therefore, for Christians to celebrate the fact and meaning of the Saviour's birth. This is the purpose of Christmas.



The Lesson Explained

Jesus in the Flesh
1 John 1:1-4

The writer of these words—quite likely the apostle John—was an eyewitness of Jesus in the flesh. He could never forget the historic Jesus, whom he heard, whom he saw and whom he touched. All this was a part of the gospel story from the very beginning. The writer was emphasizing the humanity of Jesus because—as we have seen in previous lessons—the Gnostics denied the reality of his humanity. But the gospel rested on the fact that "the Word became flesh." His coming was God's full and perfect self-revelation. Jesus was God manifested in the flesh. Through him and his saving work, God offered salvation to men. Eternal life was made possible for everyone believing in Jesus Christ.



Rev. Ivor Clark

American Legion Appoints Clark State Chaplain

Rev. Ivor L. Clark, pastor of West Kemper Church, DeKalb, and Elton Church, Macon, has been appointed Chaplain of the American Legion Department of Mississippi, to succeed the Rev. Joe Olander who has been elected National Chaplain, by Department Commander Willard Hays.

Clark is a native of Neshoba County, a graduate of Mississippi College, Southwestern Seminary, and the Air Force Chaplains School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He is a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He has held pastorates in Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Mississippi. In denominational service, he has been Second Vice-President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, served for four years on the Convention Board, four years on the Christian Action Commission of the Convention and has been Moderator of Neshoba, Winston, Noxubee and Kemper County Baptist Associations.

The observance of Christmas should be marked by the spiritual implications of this testimony about Jesus Christ. It should magnify the reality and the purpose of Jesus' coming to the earth: there should be thanksgiving and praise for his coming and zeal and faithfulness in making known the message of salvation throughout the earth.

The Mighty Acts of God

Rev. 15:3-4

The song of Moses and the song of the Lamb are an outburst of praise by the redeemed in glory, acknowledging God for his mighty acts of mercy and judgment and declaring his greatness and righteousness. The bowls of the wrath of God are about to be poured out in judgment. Opinions differ as to whether the reference is to God's judgments during history or at the end of the age.

Supreme among all the mighty acts of God was the redemptive event in Jesus Christ—his birth and life and death and resurrection—all with a view to the salvation of a lost world. When Jesus had made purification for sins, God raised him up from the dead and exalted him to the right hand of the Father in glory.

Christ Our King Forever

Rev. 11:15

This verse is a testimony from heaven. Loud voices join in exultation declaring the ultimate victory of Christ and the consummation of his redemptive work. The words are stated as though Christ's victory were completely achieved. A literal translation would be: "The kingdom of the world became our Lord's and his Christ's." This mighty declaration from Heaven anticipates the time when the kingdom of Christ shall have conquered the kingdom of the world, when goodness shall have triumphed over evil, when love shall have banished hate, and when the rule of Christ shall be completely established. Let us note the unity of the rule of God through the Son. Christ will be our King forever.

What could be more appropriate for the observance of Christmas than rejoicing in the ultimate victory of our Saviour?

Truths to Live By

Jesus Christ is our Emmanuel — At the appropriate time, "God sent forth his Son." He was born of a virgin; he became flesh. He lived as man on earth. He was called Emmanuel, which means "God with us." Christmas reminds us that Christ came to declare the love and mercy of God toward a fallen race and to become the atonement whereby persons in all the earth could be saved from their sins. Christmas is meant to plant indelibly on our minds the nearness of God, his compassion for rebellious and sin-cursed mankind.

Let Christmas be a time of praise. — It is not enough to sing Christmas carols in traditional fashion, and hymns and anthems and oratorios. Christmas music may well be one of the most meaningful ways of expressing the spirit of joyful celebration and devotion to the Lord. But let the truth be remembered that true praise must spring from the heart. Then praise will be translated into joy and kindness and generosity on streets and in stores, on highways and in the airports, on buses and in slums, as we try to declare to the world, "The Lord is come!"

Isaiah 7:10; 11:1-10

By Bill Duncan

The birth of Jesus was the fulfillment of a great many hopes and desires. It also was the fulfillment of prophetic teaching. Isaiah, who lived in the eighth century B. C., spoke to his people of the birth of this child. There are many who read into the writings of the prophets what they want to read, but there is no question in my mind but that Jesus fulfilled the expectation of this great prophet.

It is good for us to gain the proper perspective of the birth of Jesus before we celebrate Christmas. The birth of Jesus as the one who would set up a Kingdom and redeem Israel was longed for. When the announcement was made by the prophets,



each person wanted it to happen soon. However, the event did not take place for hundreds of years. The people of Israel had hope that the Messiah would bring peace. They had been oppressed for too long. The words of Isaiah were indeed good news about Jesus' coming.

The Promise of a Saviour

Isaiah 7:10-16

The Gospel of Matthew says that this prophecy had specific fulfillment in the birth of Jesus. The words spoken to Joseph, "that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet."

The context of the passage from Isaiah speaks of a time in the reign of Ahaz when Jerusalem was suffering from pressure from a confederacy formed by the King of Syria and King of Israel. Ahaz had formed in alliance with the King of Assyria and was depending upon that alliance for help. The problem was that Ahaz placed greater confidence in the assistance of a heathen King than help from God. Isaiah asked Ahaz to ask for a sign from God as a guarantee that God's assistance would be given. Ahaz refused to act upon the authority of God, he not only disobeyed God but rejected him as God. Isaiah gave Ahaz a sign anyway.

The sign given to Ahaz was that a child would be born to a virgin and his name would be called Immanuel. Before the child was old enough to know right from wrong, Assyria would destroy the Northern Kingdom and bring affliction upon Judah as well. This was indeed worse than the then thrust of the two powers of Israel and Syria. The impact of the sign is the name of the child, "God is with us." The name would be a living testament that God was still with them and that he would continue to bring to pass his purposes in and through his people. God had not forsaken his people.

Many believe that this sign was fulfilled to some extent in Ahaz's day. However, in looking back, we must interpret the prophecy as having its highest fulfillment not in the event of Ahaz's day, but in the coming of Christ, for truly "God is with us" become true.

The coming of Jesus was the event; but we long for the experience that "God is with us." Through the incarnation he entered our nature, becoming the God-man, that he might redeem us." For

Names In The News

Rev. Mike Everett, senior at Mississippi College, has been called as pastor of Holly Grove Church in Simpson County, and has been serving there for several weeks. Mrs. Everett is an employee at Baptist headquarters, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

David W. Young of Tunica has been named new director of the adult - young people's choir at Main Street Church, Goodman. Mr. Young received his B. M. from Delta State

College and his Master's in Music Education from Mississippi State University. He has completed additional studies at New Orleans Seminary.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Elton Johnson, Sr., missionaries, were scheduled to return to

North Brazil December 9 following furlough (address: Caixa 18, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brazil). An Alabamian Mr. Johnson was born in Hartselle and reared in Decatur; the former Elizabeth Jackson, daughter of Baptist missionaries, the late Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Jackson, Mrs. Johnson was born and reared in Brazil. They are the parents of Miss Virginia Johnson, Mississippi YWA director.

Youth Convention Conferences

December 30-31

Conferences are scheduled on Monday, 3:45-5:00, and on Tuesday, 2:00-3:15.

Each conference will be offered at each conference period. This will allow young people to select two of the nineteen conferences to attend. Youth should decide on alternate conferences for each period.

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JORDANIAN BAPTISTS OPTIMISTIC

Despite a continued state of emergency throughout the country, Jordanian Baptists are going forward and are optimistic about the future progress of their churches, reports Mrs. L. August Lovegren, Southern Baptist missionary. The Jordan Baptist Convention, in its biannual meeting in Ajloun Baptist Church, elected Rev. Fawwaz Omeish, of Ajloun, president of the executive committee.



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Inglewood Honors Dr. McIntosh

Dr. John S. McIntosh was given a certificate of appreciation for his many years of service to humanity, at a recent Jackson ceremony at Inglewood Manor. Dr. McIntosh was one of the founders of the Baptist Hospital, having served when it was located in a small residence, in the early days. Dr. Chester Swor presented the certificate for Inglewood, and President of the Board of the corporation that owns Inglewood. Hon. Joe Jack Hurst, signed the certificate, along with Mrs. Margaret Clinton, administrator, and Mrs. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, Director of Social Work at Inglewood, and Dr. Swor. It came as a complete surprise to the honoree, who is in his mid-nineties now. He is a general favorite at Inglewood, and his family and Dr. Swor's grandparents were residents of Mount Olive many years ago. A number of Dr. McIntosh's relatives were present for the occasion, and the entire audience applauded with enthusiasm at Dr. Swor's eloquent tribute to the honoree. Left to right: Dr. John McIntosh, Mrs. D. A. McCall, Dr. Chester Swor and Mrs. Margaret Clinton.



To Graduate At Southwestern

FORT WORTH, TEX.—James G. Haggard, left, of Louisville, will receive the doctor of education degree; Jerry D. Terrell, center, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Terrell, Sr., of McComb, and Virginia R. Aderson, right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Anderson of State College, will receive master of religious education degrees during the mid-winter commencement services at Southwestern Theological Seminary, Dec. 20. Charles A. Trentham, pastor of First Church, Knoxville, Tenn., will deliver the main address.



Clarke Voice Students In Recital

From left: Danny Lee, Birmingham, Ala.; Danny Ray Jones, Germantown, Ky.; Gene Gillis, Columbus; J. B. McElroy; Everett Solle, Meridian; Bill Ogletree, Winter Garden, Fla.; Ernest Hill, Newton; David Walker, York, Ala.; J. B. McElroy, Clarke College choral director and voice instructor, presented his students in a Christmas Solo Hour on December 9 in the Lott Fine Arts Building. Not pictured: Gary Cornett, Laurel; and Steve Pinson, Union.



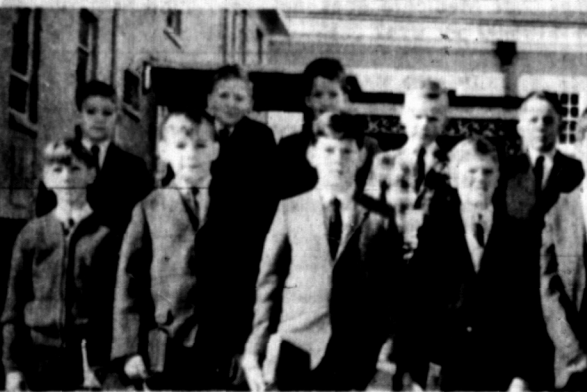
Calvary Honors Departing Pastor

Calvary Church, Columbia, honored Rev. and Mrs. Crawford Williams and family with a "Going Away" party on November 20. The large cake was decorated with the inscription "May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with You Now and Forever." Carl Pierce, Chairman of Deacons, made the presentation of silver serving dishes given from Calvary Church as token of their love and appreciation for the four and one-half years of faithful service. Mr. Williams has accepted a pastorate in Tallulah, Louisiana, at First Church.



1st, Lyman To Build At New Site

First Church Lyman had groundbreaking on November 24 for an auditorium and educational building on a new location site. Members of the building committee are, left to right: Hubert Purser, Marvin Green, chairman, Milton Cleveland, Woodrow Wilson, R. M. Bradley, Jack Lee, Paul Workman, Rev. Wade Allen, pastor, and James Scott.



Harvest Pecans For Lottie Moon Offering

Upward Sunday School Class (10-year-old juniors) of Starkville First Church. Front row 1. to r.: Ronnie Gully; David Kennedy, vice president; Randy Wofford, president; Clyde Her-ring, secretary; Bruce Barton, ass't secretary; Arlis Anderson, class teacher. Back row 1. to r.: Bobby Jeffreys; Johnny Hurt; Robert Cadenhead; Mike Fondren; Jamie Applewhite; Charles Hester. Photograph made soon after annual pecan harvest. Proceeds from sale of pecans go to Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Harvest this year was at home of Ronnie Gully, son of Mississippi State University BSU Director and Mrs. Harold Gully. Mrs. Gully provided refreshments for the class at time of harvest. Dr. D. C. Applegate is their pastor.

Alaska Names Alabaman As New WMU Secretary

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP)—The Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Board has named Miss Judy Rice of Birmingham, Ala., as the state Baptist Woman's Missionary Union executive secretary, effective Dec. 1. Miss Rice, a former US-2 worker in Portland, Ore., for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, succeeds Louise Yarbrough who is now a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.



T. W. WALKER, at left, has served 32 years as treasurer for Braxton Church. Rev. Allen Stephens, pastor, at right, hands to Mr. Walker a resolution passed by the congregation, in appreciation of his faithfulness.



Hospital Fills Christmas Boxes For Vietnam

As their Christmas project, the Visiting Hostesses of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, have initiated a hospital-wide campaign to fill Christmas boxes to send to our men in Vietnam. The reception to this project has been very enthusiastic. More than 10 departments have contributed items to fill approximately 30 boxes. Left to right: Peggy Powell, Sarah Bailey, Glenda Gill, Beverly Whitten, Shirley Upchurch, Brenda Sullivan, Becky Halek.



Clarke College Group Visits Baptist Building

A class in religious education from Clarke College recently visited Baptist points of interest in Jackson and Hinds County and they posed for a picture in the Baptist Building. Led by Dr. Charles Melton, professor of religious education at the college, they were studying Baptist life and work as part of the "in-service" training program sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department. Seated at left end is Therman V. Bryant, associate in Cooperative Mission Department, with Dr. Melton at his left Mrs. Betty Henderson, Baptist Building hostess, is seen in center of group.

Good News — — —

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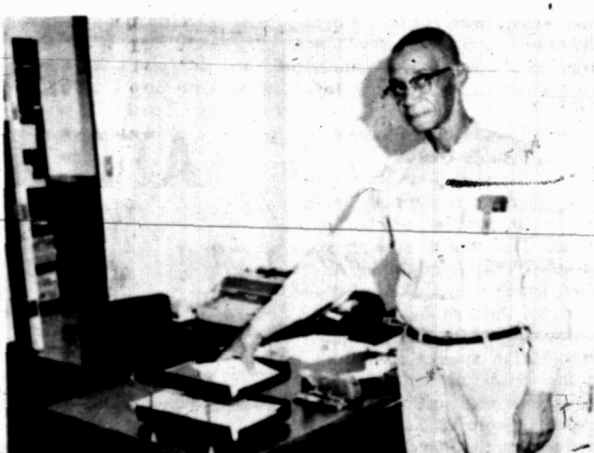
fear of God and righteousness of God for all people.

(4) The King's Peace — The reign would transcend natural laws and boundaries. This is implied by the actions of animals that is contrary to their nature. The results of the Lord's rule in the hearts of men causes him to love and act different. The King's supernatural powers will bring this about.

(5) The King's Ultimate Extent of the Kingdom — The promise is that the whole earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord. All men will be invited to join this Kingdom and His rule will be extended to all corners of the world. As of now, this has not been fulfilled. Jesus is the Lord who offers hope to all men everywhere.

The birth of such a Saviour needs the highest reverence that we can give it. There is only one way to be prepared for His leadership and that is to accept Him by faith as our Lord and Saviour. Then he truly becomes our King and Immanuel (God is with us).

Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater. Possession pampers the mind; privation trains and strengthens it.—William Hazlitt



Andrew Clark picks up the mail in the Baptist Record office.

'Building' Employee To Retire

Andrew Clark, who has been an employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for nine years, will retire on December 20. He has been janitor and porter at the Baptist Building since March, 1960.

His duties have been widely varied, ranging from vacuuming the floors to painting the whole interior of the old Baptist Building. He has helped with mowing grass and trimming shrubbery, has collected office mail, has made trips to the Post Office, and to the bank, along with many other tasks.

Now he plans to move back to Holmes County, where he was born January 25, 1903, and where he owns a home near Goodman. He says, "I plan to have a big garden, grow peas and lots of corn. And I want to raise a few calves. The first few days I'm going to be busy bird hunting, and later I'll get in some fishing."

For twenty-five years he worked with the Goodman Bonded Warehouse and Gin, and later at Flora Warehouse and-Compress, before moving to Jackson.

His wife, the former Odessa Brantley, was born in Atlanta County. They have one son, Charlie, who is in college at M. I., Holly Springs.

Andrew, a Methodist, was a member of Walton Chapel Church in Holmes County, and Blair Creek Church in Jackson.

Of his work with Mississippi Baptists, he said, "I have enjoyed every minute of it. I want to thank all the Christian ladies and gentlemen of this Convention Board for all the things they have done for me since I have been here." His eyes filled with tears as he continued, "I am going to miss most of the things of every day, the people speaking to each other, the little routine, everyday jobs."

The Baptist Building employees are going to miss Andrew, too, for he is a cheerful, faithful, respected fellow worker, and a dedicated Christian.

Churches In The News

Bellevue Church, Lamar County, observed its sixteenth anniversary with homecoming day on December 8. Former pastors participated in the afternoon service, which followed regular morning services and lunch at the church. Rev. James Yates is the pastor.

Rock Hill Church in Rankin County will have its annual Christmas program, "The First Christmas Morn," on December 22 at 6 p. m. A Fellowship Supper will follow, according to the pastor, Rev. R. H. Naron, pastor. The public is invited.

T. W. Walker Completes 32nd Year As Braxton's Treasurer

Thomas Watson Walker has rendered meritorious service as treasurer of Braxton Church for 32 years.

He has served faithfully and well, beginning with an operating budget at a half-time church of less than \$1,000 and closing out at a full-time church with an operating budget and other disbursements totaling \$21,000.

He was chairman of the Building Committee for the first pastor's home. He has

served as a deacon and Sunday school secretary and in any capacity that he has been asked to serve.

The Braxton Church on November 3, adopted a resolution commending him, and expressing love and appreciation for him.

They think too little who talk too much.—John Dryden

Wisdom is the right use of knowledge.—Charles H.

DEVOTIONAL

The Perfect Christmas

Luke 2:1-20

By Brooks H. Wester, Pastor, First, Hattiesburg

Much of our world is dreaming of a perfect Christmas. The tragic truth is that it is highly improbable. There has been one perfect Christmas but man has stubbornly refused to follow the pattern of that one. If you truly desire a perfect Christmas this year, follow the directions you find for the first one as it is recorded in the new Testament.

The perfect Christmas is a family affair. Joseph and Mary were a family unit and they did not allow anything to separate them. The baby Jesus was born and their family unit was larger and more closely knit.

We cannot have fragmented families and experience the perfect Christmas.

The perfect Christmas brings heaven closer to earth. The shepherds on the hills of Judea saw the sights and heard the sounds of heaven as the angels sang the first recorded Christmas carol.

Heaven ought to be a bit nearer to earth as we in our homes celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

The perfect Christmas sees fear turn to faith. The fearful shepherds became faithful worshippers and evangelists when they entered joyfully and obediently into the spirit of the first Christmas.

Our fearful hearts can become faith filled if we "go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

The perfect Christmas is filled with wonderment. In that first Christmas we see the wonder in the lives of the shepherds, the villagers of Bethlehem, and Joseph and Mary.

Our world needs a new birth of reverent wonderment as we stand before the marvelous works of God in Christ Jesus. Much of our world has become gospel hardened and lost the ability to experience joyous wonderment.

The perfect Christmas is shared. Angels shared the good news with shepherds. Shepherds told the people of Bethlehem. The message is too good to keep. It must be shared.

The perfect Christmas glorifies and praises God. The angel's song declared it and the shepherds return to their flocks glorifying and praising God.

Your dream of a perfect Christmas can come true if you will follow this simple pattern given from God.

S. S. DEPARTMENT SPONSORING BUS TO GLORIETA IN 1969

The Sunday School Department is taking a chartered bus to Glorieta for the first Sunday School week. The bus will leave Jackson on June 27 and return on July 11, 1969. This trip will include many sightseeing attractions such as: Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, the Spanish Publishing House and Chinese Mission in El Paso, Juarez, Mexico, Oak Creek Canyon, Grand Canyon, Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, the Indian Capital of the world, and visits to Indian Missions and reservations. The approximate cost of the trip including the week at Glorieta is \$225.50. If you are interested in making this trip contact Carolyn Madison, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 for further information. Reservations have already been made at Glorieta.

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